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LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE
OCCLUSION
Examiner : Glenn K. Dawson

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AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being made in response to the Office Action mailed on September 5, 2003. Specifically, Applicant is responding to the Examiner's requirement to specifically apply each limitation or element of the copied claims to the disclosure of the application. The Examiner has set a one month deadline for responding to this requirement, which is not extendible. Applicant's response to this requirement is set forth below. However, Applicant has not yet responded to the remaining items in the Office Action, and will submit a supplemental amendment prior to the end of the statutory period, which expires on March 5, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.